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The Russian authorities in Manchuria have been engaging Japanese volunteers for military service, says the "Japan Chronicle." A Chongchun despatch to the "Asahi" states that Mr. Oshige, one of the volunteers, has received an official appointment from the Russian authorities. The volunteers during their service now number 500 in all, and a regiment is to be sent to Europe by the end of next month. An office has been established at Chongchun for the management of volunteer business. Enlistment will be invited in Japan, Korea and Manchuria, and regiments will be sent to the front as formed.

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WORCESTERSHIREFACTS ABOUT THE  
WAR.A BULLETIN OF INFORMATION  
PUBLISHED BY THE PARIS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from yesterday's issue).

Paris, December 23rd 1914.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN FRANCE.

Mr. Ribot, Minister for Finance, ex-

plained to the Members of Parliament

the situation in France in a Report, the

essential part of which ran as follows:

"By an agreement, on November 11th,

1914, the Bank of France undertook to

hold the sum of 2000 millions at the

Government's disposal, to defray the

costs of mobilization. The Bank of Al-

geria, too, promised 100 millions. This

total of three milliards was, of course,

only sufficient to cover the expenses for

starting the campaign. So, without

more aid we asked the Bank of France,

early in September, to raise its possible

advance to six milliards. The amount

advanced to the Treasury by the Bank

realized a total of 3400 million francs on

December 15th.

"The Bank of France is, in every

respect, in excellent condition. This

may be seen by the figures of its principal

accounts up to December 15th. The

gold cash in hand at the outset of the

war, amounted to 1,411,341,663 francs,

which instead of lessening has a trifle

increased, for it made 1,411,750,811

francs on December 15th. The fact of

holding such a reserve in gold is the best

guarantee for the soundness of our Bank-

notes.

"The Bank of France will take care

that its stock of gold and silver shall

remain untouched. It will be helped in

this by the rate of Exchange, everywhere

favourable to us.

"Then again, the amount of bills and

acceptances, which on October 1st re-

presented 4475 millions, on December 1st

was only 3,841,870,767 francs. We see

by this that most important outstand-

ing sums had been paid in during the

last two months. Over 835 millions re-

presented the return to the Bank of

France.

"On December 10th the amounts ad-

vanced on securities realized 780 million

777,669 francs. The Banknotes in cir-

culation, on October 1st amounted to 6290

millions, and rose on December 10th to

697 millions, showing an increase of

677 millions, in two months and a half.

Lastly running credit accounts amounted

to 2273 millions, and the deposits to

208 millions on December 10th.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Feb. 11.

THE BOX, NEW FRIMROSE.

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for the maintenance of the "commune," af-

terwards as the population were literally

dying of hunger, they consented to lend

the town 620 tons of corn, on condition

that it would give back 300 tons of flour,

as well as 620 tons of corn, when the

shipment announced from America should

arrive—and besides, this corn, 12750

hundredweight of bread per day. The

correspondent calculates the rate of the

loan amounts to 325 per cent in three

weeks.

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subsidized way of the supply of food

sent over by "charitable" Americans to

the Belgians, to relieve their distress.

VICTORY OF THE SERBIANS AT KOLOJEVATZ  
(On 27th December).

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## FREEMASONRY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

At a quarterly communication of the

Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry, it

was reported that the Grand Committee had

before them an application from the Grand

Lodge of the Philippine Islands for re-

cognition as a sovereign grand body. From

information before the Committee, it ap-

peared that the Grand Lodge of the Phil-  
ippine Islands had been recognized by 10  
Lodges in the United States of America,  
including the Grand Lodge of California,  
which chartered the lodges forming the  
Philippines. The Committee, after full  
consideration, unanimously resolved to re-  
cognize that recognition be granted to the  
Grand Lodge of the Philippines as a  
sovereign grand body reserving the  
rights of Grand Lodge of Scotland as  
regards the Scottish Lodges at present  
in existence in the Philippines, and the  
rights of those lodges. The report of the  
Committee was adopted. A letter was  
read from the Lodge of St. Andrew of  
Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., which was  
chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland  
on November 30, 1766, containing a draft  
of \$200 as a final remembrance, with a  
request that it be used for relief of Ma-  
son who have been made destitute by the  
war. The letter was received with the greatest  
satisfaction, not only as an evidence of the  
charitable feelings which actuated the  
members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, but  
as reawakening the filial tie which formerly  
united the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the  
Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston.

## ARCHANGEL IN WAR TIME.

A West of Scotland shipowner who has

made several trips to Archangel during the

winter gives some details of life in the

Northern port. During one of his visits  
the thermometer registered 40 degrees below  
zero, and the spirit compasses had to be  
swathed in straw to prevent their freezing.On another occasion the weather was so  
bad that he took some weeks of life in the  
Northern port. There was great congestion  
round about Archangel—barrels; the  
Russians, piled everything up into great  
stacks, and when something was urgently  
required it was generally at the bottom of  
the lot. The shipowner had some curious  
stories about the Russian Customs-house  
officials. In normal times these are pompous  
people, very much impressed with the  
dignity of their position, and they have  
lost none of their ideas as to their im-  
portance. Recently a British ship arrived  
with military stores, including a good  
proportion of articles manufactured from  
steel. A tally of the cargo revealed the  
fact that the vessel carried more than was  
accounted for in the ship's manifest. As  
Russia imposes a tariff on imported  
metal manufactures, the shipowner was  
tried to smuggle the stuff ashore, al-  
though the whole of it was for Govern-  
ment use. Another story was about some  
cannon which were landed at Archangel,  
and after these were on their way to the front  
it was discovered that the breech-blocks  
were in the hold of another vessel. Al-  
though Russia is our firm ally, it is not  
advisable to be too outspoken. A Scottish  
skipper who was being, as he thought,  
deceived, hazarded the remark that shipping  
people were better treated in German  
ports. His remark was overheard, and he  
was told that if he made that statement  
again he would be put across the Swedish  
frontier.

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dying of hunger, they consented to lend

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as well as 620 tons of corn, when the

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**THE DIARY.**

**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
St. Patrick's Day.  
4 p.m.—Charity Performance at the French Convent.

**General Memoranda.**

**THURSDAY, March 18—**  
12.30 p.m.—H.K. Fire Insurance Co.'s Meeting.

**FRIDAY, March 19 & SAT., March 20—**  
4 p.m.—Charity Performance at the French Convent.

**FRIDAY, March 19—**  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc., at Messrs Hughes and Hough's.

**SATURDAY, March 20—**  
Entries close for H.K. Cricket Club Tennis Tournament.

**WEDNESDAY, March 24—**  
Noon—Auction of Plant and Machinery for making Boots and Shoes, at No. 20, Morrison Hill Road.  
Noon—China Sugar Refining Co.'s Meeting.  
12.15 p.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co.'s Meeting.

**THURSDAY, March 25—**  
Lady Day.  
No a.m.—China Fire Ins. Co.'s Meeting.

**WEDNESDAY, March 31—**  
11 a.m.—Drawing of Debentures at Hongkong Club.

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**NEWS OF THE DAY.**

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The China Sugar Co.'s and the China Fire Ins. Co.'s annual reports are published on page 2.

Mr. Hadden 52 Kennedy Road, has reported to the Police that some person has stolen from a lock-fast box in his room \$45 in notes. He suspects the house-boy, who has absconded.

Mr. Wood this morning sentenced a Turk named Ekial Abraham to three months' imprisonment for disobeying a banishment order made against him in 1912 and operative for five years.

President Wilson congratulated the Kaiser on his birthday, expressing cordial wishes for his welfare. The Republican Press ask if this is not a breach of the neutrality of the United States.

Jewellery valued at \$123 and four promissory notes to the value of \$1100, are reported to have been stolen from a house in Wellington street yesterday. The property belonged to a Chinese spinster.

A doctor who was recently in Berlin states that thousands of soldiers continue to return to Germany in a mentally deranged condition. He has, he declares, seen trainloads of men otherwise perfectly well.

Currency notes of the value of 10s are to be of a new design, but the notes of the original design will continue to be legal tender. The new notes are rectangular, and measure 5 7/16 in. by 3 1/16 in. They are printed in red upon a white paper.

The number of soldiers' families in Berlin which are being supported is continuously increasing. In December the number was 82,000, and, in that month, the sum of about £175,000 was paid to them. As a result of the increase, the amount of £175,000 estimated for that purpose in 1915 will have to be increased.

A highway robbery is reported to have taken place in the Ping Shan district yesterday. Tung Chung Pui, a farmer of the Ha Chung village, states that while he was returning to his home he was accompanied by three men. Two carried revolvers and the third a bamboo pole. They attacked him from behind and one tied his hands, while the others took from his pockets \$30 in money which he had just won at gambling.

The firm of Messrs Joseph Crossfield and Sons, Ltd., one of the subsidiary companies owned by Messrs Brunner, Mond and Co., has contributed nearly 600 officers and men to the British forces. All these men's places are being kept open for them and allowances are being made to wives and children, which, apart from all the subscriptions of the firm, are costing it over £10,000 a year.

There was a very satisfactory attendance at St. John's Cathedral last evening to hear an organ recital by the organist, Mr. Dennison Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.L.M., who was assisted by Mrs. Susanann (cello) and Mrs. Aubrey (violin). Mr. Fuller gave a fine rendering of Vespers from Purcell, and the concerted pieces were very well played. The full programme was as follows:—Pierrot horloger (Cesar Franck); Andante cantabile (Widow's Aria (Max Reger); Mrs. Susanann's Vespers, Purcell (Wagner); Hymn, "O God of Love, the King of Peace"; the organist, Mr. Fuller (F. Borowski); Andante, trio in D minor (Mendelssohn); Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Susanann, Mr. Fuller; Imperial march (E. Elgar).

The Police view with a certain amount of suspicion, the report of a No. 3 Chinese constable employed by Mr. Ming Cheong, a salt merchant of Swatow, who has reported to the Police that last night his premises at 131 Wanchai Road were attacked by robbers, two of whom carried revolvers. The woman states that she and her small son were threatened by the men, who stole from her wrist bangles worth \$200 and then demanded the keys of her box. The keys were forthcoming and the robbers were supposed to have made off with \$700 in jewellery and \$400 in money. We understand that the house was patrolled by the Police only five minutes before the alarm was given and then everything was quiet. A few minutes later many people in neighbouring houses turned out to ascertain the cause of tremendous shrieking. The house is situated close to the Police Station and no suspicious characters were seen to depart. The Police are conducting enquiries.

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**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

Mr. Garibaldi, who has been in the East for many years on railway work, leaves this month to join the Foreign Legion at the front led by his uncle. Several of his brothers are fighting in the Levant. Mr. Garibaldi was married in Hongkong last year to Miss Calzani.

Messrs E. F. G. Orchard and W. G. Cope, of Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., who went home four or five months ago to settle, have joined the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps. Mr. A. F. Mills, of the Diocesan School, has been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, 9th Battalion Devonshire Regiment.

The following telegram from Amsterdam is published by the "Aanki." A whale, sixty-five feet long, has been cast ashore with a mine attached to its tail.

Harvard University Corporation has appropriated \$20,000 as a fund for the professors of Law at the University who will join the teaching staff of the university next September.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**

The Supreme Court at Manila has denied Vicente Sotto permission to be admitted to the Philippine bar in order to practice in the island Courts. Justice Torres and Carson dissented. Sotto passed the bar examinations in 1909, but because of late events did not take the oath.

Rev. H. Copley Moffat, Major S. T. Womborn, Messrs G. P. Perry, A. S. D. Coudwell, J. M. Beck, W. G. Humphreys, F. B. I. Rowley and W. T. Harbord have been nominated as directors of the European Young Men's Christian Association, the annual meeting of which will be held in the association room, 4, Des Vaux Road Central, to-morrow at 7.15 p.m.

In Hongkong, says a traveller writing to the "N. C. D. News," the German prisoners of war are exceptionally well treated. They occupy their leisure in carefully counting up the list of claims they are going to present to the British Government when the war is over and Germany is lord of the universe. Chinese are running German businesses and one German in Hollow openly boasts that he is using ships flying all the allied flags.

Very good prices were made yesterday at the sale by auction by Messrs Hughes and Hough of the stock and contents of the Hongkong Dairy, the oldest established business of its kind in the Colony. A herd of forty cows was offered in lots, and the animals were in demand: \$270 was paid for one, and others made \$220, \$210, \$200 and down to \$100 according to size and age. English poultry also fetched good prices, as much as \$4 a head being paid for Plymouth Rocks.

The hearing of the arguments of counsel and evidence for and against the application for the compulsory winding-up of the Yue Hing opium firm, a limited company, has now occupied the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court for twenty-one full days. Mr. Eldon Parker, who with Mr. C. G. Alabaster is conducting the case for the respondents who hold more than half of the shares of the company, has now been addressing the court for exactly a week and has not yet concluded his speech. The hearing will probably occupy another fortnight.

**DOG OWNERS IN TROUBLE.**

Mr. H. T. Brown, Morrison Hill, was fined \$5 for allowing his dog to be without a muzzle. Asked by Mr. Hazeland if he pleaded guilty defendant said he had no alternative.

In a summons against Mr. J. Hansen for keeping a dog without a license, the defendant pleaded not guilty. His reason for pleading not guilty was that the constable came too frequently to the house and worried Mr. Hansen. A license had since been obtained.

A fine of \$3 was imposed.

**COAL LIGHTER CAPSIZES IN THE HARBOUR.**

A lighter, heavily laden with coal, sunk in the Harbour yesterday morning near the Sze Yee Navigation Company wharf, at the Puna East. The crew of about ten persons were thrown into the water, and after exciting rescue work were all safely landed. The lighter, which belonged to the Yuen Cheong Iron, Wanchai, was moored alongside the Sze Yee. On Feb 28 and got swamped in the heavy sea running, as the result of a strong north-east monsoon.

**ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Allied Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Rhinecliff Mission Chapel ... \$7

**COMPRADORES CHARGED.**

**MAXIMUM PENALTY IMPOSED.**

At the Magistracy this morning Mr. Hazeland fined Tak Lee, a comprador, \$7, Haiphong Road, Kowloon, \$30 or, as an alternative, two months' imprisonment for charging prices to customers in advance of those issued in the Proclamation.

Sergeant Cayll, the prosecutor, produced the comprador's book, which showed one cent per lb. had been charged in excess for soup meat and he had also been charged 11 cents for a half lb. of rice when the official price was 19 cents per lb.

Defendant stated that he had never seen the official list.

Mr. Hazeland (sharply): The prices are published in the Chinese newspapers. You must not charge in advance of those prices. Fined \$50 or two months' imprisonment.

ANOTHER COMPRADOR FINED.

The Police Constables' Mess (Central Station) were the prosecutors in a charge against Kwong Mow Leong, a comprador, of demanding a higher price at the Central Market for bean sprouts than already gazetted. Mr. Mason, for the defence, entered a plea of not guilty.

DATE FIXED.

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**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.**

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

The under-mentioned having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—

No. 1773 Sapper W. Smith to Engineer Company.

No. 1774 Sapper W. Brown to Engineer Company.

No. 1775 Gunner T. Orton to No. 1 Section Artillery Battery.

FIELD TRAINING DISTRICT.

The Scouts Training will parade on Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m.

Dress—Light marching order. Two pouches to be worn. Water-bottles and haversacks to be carried. Helmets, Khaki jackets and shorts will be worn. Pull-throughs and sunshades must be carried to clean rifles after firing. The Signalling Section and Stretcher Section will attend.

PARADES.

Parades for Wednesday, 17th inst., will be as follows:—

On duty at Volunteer Headquarters and Mount Austin Barracks: H.K.V.C.

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Mr. R. Middlemas ... 5.00

Mr. N. N. ... 3.00

Mr. A. Davidson ... 2.00

Mr. J. Ormiston ... 1.00

11.00

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Mr. P. Douglas Wilson ... 5.00

Mr. H. C. Sowick ... 5.00

Mr. A. E. Purves ... 2.00

17.00

Amount expended \$ 3372.07

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**ITALIAN VIEW OF LORD KITCHENER.**

Rome.—The "Tribuna" publishes a most interesting sketch of Lord Kitchener, which concludes as follows:—

"He is a great soldier, but not less a great gentleman and a man of culture. On the rare occasions on which he has spoken in public his words were memorable and his style vivid and massive, but not without humour and imagination."

"His generous temperaments expands even in things which seem discordant with his nature. Thus he is a floridist, a collector of blue china, and encouraged the cultivation of cotton in Egypt, while a remedy against the cotton parasite bears his name."

"He does not court public favour. His secretary to Wellington, does not hesitate to recognise the share his interior have in his victories."

**SPORTING.**

**ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.**

to-morrow's match.

The Police will play the R.G.A. in the United Services League to-morrow, and the game, in view of last week's result, should be very interesting. The Police will be represented by—Swan; A. Clarke and Cave; Edwards, Gardner and Higgins; Grimmitz, Head, Kelly, Tucker and Wilson. Dick is placed reserve.

The Hongkong F.C. on Saturday next will again play the R.G.A. in the United Services League.

**FOOTBALL FIXTURES.**

Wednesday:—  
St. Joseph's College v. University, Club Ground, 3.15 p.m. (H.K.L. II.)  
Reference: Mr. A. A. Wilson.  
R.G.A. v. Police, Club Ground, 4 p.m. (U.S.L.) Reference: Mr. F. Wright.

Thursday:—  
Confucians v. Victoria Rowers, Club Ground, 5 p.m. (H.K.L. II.) Reference: Mr. F. W. Egan.

Saturday:—  
R.F. v. Police, Military Ground, 4 p.m. (U.S.L.) Reference: Mr. A. A. Wilson.  
Club v. R.G.A., Club Ground, 4 p.m. (U.S.L.) Reference: Mr. F. Wright.

**UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.**

There will be a U. S. League meeting at the R.E. Barracks on Thursday.

**The League Tables.**

DIVISION II.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	G.	P.	G.
St. Joseph's College	6	6	0	0	10	12			
Lam Hong	5	5	1	0	11	16			
Queen's College	4	4	2	1	11	9			
Confucians	6	5	2	1	12	7			
Victoria Rowers	6	5	2	1	8	5			
Diocesan	7	1	0	1	3	11			
Luzon	6	1	5	0	22	2			
University	4	0	4	0	2	8			

**YACHTING.**

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The result of the seventh Championship Race for the Handicap Class and One Design Class of the above Club took place on Saturday last.

Course—Trousers Rock (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Chaiwan Rock (S). Distance 104 miles. Preparatory gun 2.25 p.m. Starting gun 2.30 p.m.					
Name	Handicap	Finishing Time	Corrected Time		
Course					
	M. S.	M. M. A.	M. M. A.		
Dieck	Scratch	5 51 44	5 51 44		
La Linda	2 37	6 08 47	6 04 10		
Rolla	3 30	D N F	—		
Kathleen	7 00	6 22 35	6 15 35		
Corbett	7 00	6 22 35	6 15 35		
Dorothea	10 30	D N F	—		
Ayasha	12 15	D N F	—		
Position. Pts. for race. Pts. to be made					
Dione.....	6		47		
La Linda ...	6		48		
Corbett.....	5		49		
Kathleen.....	4		50		
Rolla.....			51		
Dorothea.....			52		
Ayasha.....			53		
ONE DESIGN CLASS.					

**ONE DESIGN CLASS.**

Course—Kowloon Rock (E), North Fairway Buoy (E). Distance 9 miles. Preparatory gun 2.25 p.m. Starting gun 2.40 p.m.

Name	Finishing Time	H. M. S.
Alisa	5. 49. 43	
Allanah	5. 42. 41	
Bonita	5. 38. 41	
Daphne	5. 19. 43	
Halcyon	D. N. S.	

**CRUIZERS.**

The fifth and final contest for the Cruiser Championship was sailed on Sunday last in extremely boisterous weather, the course being Bokhara Rock Buoy (T) and home. Distance 13 miles and resulted in the Southeyton winning the Championship for the second year in succession.

Name	Heap on Finish	Corrected Time	Time
Course			
Miranda	Scratch	1 12 33	1 12 33
Queen Bee	Scratch	D.N.S.	—
Saipa	1 05	D.N.S.	—
Genoa	1 05	Disqualified	—
Irene	13 00	D.N.S.	—
Erin	13 00	D.N.S.	—
Southeyton	13 10	1 14 43	1 25 42
Dorothy II	18 30	D.N.S.	—
Tattler	52 00	D.N.S.	—
Flora	58 30	D.N.F.	—

POSITION.	PTS. FOR RACE.	PTS. TO DATE.
(1) Southeyton	12	48
(2) Miranda	10	46
Genoa	—	25
Queen Bee	—	30
Dorothy II	—	24
Erin	—	17
Irene	—	9
Flora	—	—
Tattler	—	—
Saipa	—	—

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**CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS, ETC.**

(Extract from the "Chefoo Morning Post" of February 28th, 1915.)

By the courtesy of the Committee of the Chefoo General Chamber of Commerce, we are permitted to publish the following extract from the speech made at the annual meeting of the Chamber on the 25th instant by the Chairman, Mr. Montague Hart:

"For perhaps more than one reason the number of steamers entering Port was not less than in 1910, and it will be noted that the total figures are the smallest on record, with the exception of the year 1904 for which there was special cause. Unless some progress be soon made in Harbour improvements and accommodations, it is conceivable that owners will discontinue sending their steamers into Chefoo, or at best will give it only occasional service; for I speak with knowledge of the subject when I say there is the gravest dissatisfaction with the present situation which, in the matter of the much-talked-of Harbour improvements, seem to enjoy an Official interest limited to the collection of Suez taxes, which were authorised specifically in connection with a breakwater construction. As our last annual meeting your Chairman illustrated, by way of narrative, his conviction that we were moving forward with such strides that he would be much surprised if the crisis—the word he used—would not be reached in the next few months following his remarks. The dictionary gives the meaning of that word 'crisis' as the decisive moment or turning point, and apparently the word was well chosen, for the general impression seems to be that the turning point was reached in about the time estimated, and the decisive moment was avoided of to let matters remain stationary. Gentlemen I stand before you a very humiliated Chairman. In that capacity, as your representative, I have been, until today, privileged to join in the important deliberations of the Harbour Commission. Full of plans I attended the first meeting called after my election: full of plans I have endeavoured to serve you, and the general public who are interested in the Port's advance: full of plans I remain, gentlemen, but alas these are the only plans in evidence! The work for which merchants and shipowners have paid specially (our market) taxes since July 1913, is blocked because the plans for construction, submitted to Peking in May 1914, have not yet been sanctioned! Gentlemen, it is preposterous! If we are not to rudely question the statements of Mr. Wang Chien Kang, the officially appointed Chairman of the Commission, his repeated applications by wire and by letter have failed to draw the smallest response from the Chinese Authorities. By your authority the Chamber took in dependent action on the 19th instant. Please note the date, for it is interesting to know that at a meeting of the Commission held yesterday, the Chairman announced his receipt of a telegram on the 26th instant informing him that the plans are now receiving attention. This is a remarkable coincidence, after being for all these months unable to extract the slightest acknowledgment of telegrams and despatches. There may be a sequel, such, using a familiar phrase we must 'Wait and see.' Your Committee have not overlooked the question of rail connection with the Port; it has been kept persistently before the Consular Body, who have most kindly given their united support when covering the Board's communications to Peking. Dismissing rumours are current to-day having reference to the development of Lungkow, and this is a matter which must receive the prompt and best attention of my successor, and the incoming Committee; for whilst one Port may have no legal or moral right to protest against the equitable advance of another, the merchants interested in the port of Chefoo have every right to vigorously protest against preference being shown to Lungkow, after taxes for a special purpose, which have been authorised by our respective Ministers in agreement with the Chinese Government, have been exacted for the past 18 months.

Let me add that I would strongly discourage the circulation of the many unfounded rumours which so usually follow occasional up-country visits of alarmists. Attaching little credence to the reports that the proposed site of this new settlement is marked out, that a sum of 700,000 has been appropriated by the Central Government for the development of the Port, and that binding work has already been commenced, I made enquiries by wire to Lungkow immediately upon hearing these yarns, and only a few minutes before attending this meeting I had a reply that nothing is known locally of this modest financial assistance, and certainly there is no evidence of the demarcation of site, or of work on the new Bund work. Gentlemen, the progress of our breakwater scheme has been appallingly slow, but I cannot believe that the Diplomatic Body would now submit to any attempt to ignore our legitimate claim for attention to needs for which, as I have just said, it has been irrevocably agreed that we shall pay special taxes. It would be an insult to them, and an intolerable injustice to us, and to our local Chinese friends.

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